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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Breakfast With Bill Woodruff, Counsel/Senate Appropriations Committee

PRESENT: The Director, Messrs. Woodruff, Colby, Maury, and Briggs

1. Woodruff had two interests: The "abolition" of the position of Executive Director-Comptroller and the overt inclusion in the budget of a total national intelligence dollar figure.

2. With respect to the first, the Director reviewed the history of the Executive Director position and his conclusion that the administrative support-like functions properly belonged with the Deputy Director for Support. Mr. Colby elaborated further on this theme, then addressed the budget development and comptroller functions which he retains as Executive Secretary of the CIA Management Committee, backed by a fairly sophisticated automated system in O/PPB and an Audit Staff, both in the O/DCI. He explained the monthly Comptroller review process and stated that he thought that the system strengthened command line management and resource review. He said that the Comptroller role, given the system, occupied something like 20% of his time.

3. Woodruff appeared partly convinced. He said that for eight years he had felt at ease about the special funding authority that the DCI had and that his main concern was that there was someone other than the Director, who couldn't attend to all the budgetary details, to say, "No", to either sensitive or costly projects developed by enthusiasts. He said that the procedural description sounded great, but he was inclined to say that six months from now we would conclude that the Comptroller function required more like a 40% than a 20% time expenditure. It seemed likely that he would leave a note to this effect for Senator McClellan when he leaves for his new position.

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4. On the other issue, Woodruff expressed a strong preference for including a statement in the Committee Report on the 1974 budget reflecting the total intelligence figure. He feels that this would ease support of the Chairman by other friendly but uninformed Senators, many of whom have tended to lock the \$6 billion Symington and press-quoted figure in their minds. He acknowledged that Ralph Preston might disagree with him and suggested that we discuss it further with Ralph. He noted that there need be no change in the present system re the budget itself.

5. The Director said that he was inclined to agree with Woodruff but asked how the Committee would deal with pressure for cuts against a known figure as compared with the flexibility in the past with the figure hidden. He stated that we were now looking at the options. He asked Woodruff how soon he needed a decision and was told, "not until about June." The Director said that he would want to touch base with others on this but repeated that he was inclined to be sympathetic with Woodruff's position.

6. The breakfast ended when Woodruff said that there was one other matter which he wished to take up with the Director personally.

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